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Wartburg This Week

- An "Interviewing Basics" workshop will be held Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Conference Room.
- Dr. Richard M. Heins, president and CEO of the CUNA Mutual Insurance Group of Madison, WI, will speak at convocation on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium.
- Auditions for "Antigone," the Wartburg Players Spring production, will be Monday, Jan. 27, and Tuesday, Jan. 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. in LH 105.
- Applications for paraprofessionals— career education counselors, resident assistants, student orientation leaders and peer health counselors are due Friday, Jan. 31.
- Chapel this week will be led by Intern Pastor John Stiles Wednesday in Neumann Auditorium and by led senior Dave Kurtz Friday in Buhr Lounge.
- CDC seminar on "Dressing and Preparing for Success" will be held Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. in the CDC.
- Voter registration will be tonight from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria line.

GABLES officially recognized

BY RACHEL HOFFMAN

GABLES and Friends, a gay, lesbian and bisexual support and education group, is now an official Wartburg organization.

Student Senate voted to recognize GABLES and Friends as an organization at Tuesday night's Senate meeting.

According to the Guidelines for the Registration of Organizations, all organizations functioning at Wartburg are required to officially register.

Registration provides for official identification, use of college facilities, opportunities for leadership training and access to communication between campus administration and other organizations. *However, registration does not imply college endorsement of the purposes of the organization, according to the guidelines.*

In order to register, a group must have their request reviewed by Senate who then recommends approval to the director of student activities. That person then reviews the organization's alignment with the college's mission and makes sure that the officers are registered students in "good standing."

On Tuesday, the student relations committee recommended that GABLES and Friends be recognized.

The mission of GABLES and Friends is to support homosexual and bisexual students and educate all people. According to Administrative Ombudsperson Julie Hanson, '92, the recommendation was not a unanimous decision of the committee.

Neither was the approval by Senate. Discussion of pro and con opinion lasted 45 minutes before the Senate voted.

> ***"If you are forgetting the people involved, then you are ignoring the real issue." -Aaron Trachte***

One of the opposing points made by those in opposition was the debatable Christian stance on homosexuality The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, with which Wartburg is affiliated, takes no official stand on the issue of homosexuality. They say that they neither support it nor condemn it.

"We are not concerned with preferences," said Kyle Hertzler, '93. "We are concerned with the church."

Dave Black, '93, reported that American Lutheran Church stated in a doctrine— written in 1980— that they do not support homosexuality. However, the A.L.C. merged with the Lutheran Church of America in 1987 to form the E.L.C.A.

Other discussion opposing the recognition occurred.

"This will create trouble on campus," said Sunny Chowdhury, '93.

"I have had my morals all my life," said Mark Brandt, '95. "I don't see how I can change...There are other people that have to be considered."

Some students were concerned about the physical contact between members of GABLES and Friends. President Dianne Ludwig responded.

"Actions are not our business. Neither should they be yours. We do not ask members about that."

Other students in favor of approval made different comments.

"I don't see how we can turn away a group of students," said Andy Knoernschild, '93.

"No matter now you personally feel," said Joel Glasgow, '93, "it's about time Wartburg recognizes that this is a part of society that will have to be addressed sooner or later."

"If you are forgetting the people involved, then you are ignoring the real issue," said Student Body President Aaron Trachte, '92.

After the meeting, senators gave several comments.

Some senators raised concerns as to whether members of Senate voted according to the will of their constituents.

"I hope that people take concern to see how their senator voted and look at the way they were represented," said Rick Smith, '94. "I have no problem with GABLES being an organization," said Mark Gorton, '92, "but I don't see why we need to recognize them. I think it is establishing a precedent that is unnecessary."

The recommendation to approve GABLES and Friends as a Wartburg organization passed with 19 of 33 senators voting positively.

T. Todd Masman, director of student activities reviewed the reccomendation and approved GABLES and Friends.

In other action of the Senate meeting, Matt Pries asked if Clinton Filed could be made into an ice skating rink. Also, Kristi Gimmel reported that Senate will work with Young Republicans and Young Democrats for voter registration drives on the Mondays of Jan. 27 and Feb. 3.

The next Senate meeting will be held Tuesday at 9:30 P.M. in Legends in Players' Theatre.

Abrahamson, Tim	Chair	Knoernschild, Andy	Yes
Archer, Jim	No	LaCoste, Jennifer	Yes
Batson, Gia	Absent	Langholz, Mark	No
Bork, Maia	Yes	Le, Hoang	No
Brandt, Mark	No	Manke, Jerry	Yes
Chowdhury, Sunny	No	Miller, Amy K.	Abstain
Erickson, Steve	Yes	Onsrud, Beth	Yes
Gimmel, Kristi	Yes	Pries, Matt	Yes
Glasgow, Joel	Yes	Schroeder, Rita	No
Gorton, Mark	No	Shifley, Eric	Abstain
Guyer, Tim	Absent	Smith, Rick	No
Hanson, Julie	Yes	Steffensen, Jeremy	No
Harper, Jennifer	Yes	Trachte, Aaron	Yes
Hayes, Jennifer	Yes	Trotter, Amy	Yes
Johnson, Lee	Yes	Vogt, Lee	Yes
Kidwell, Brian	Yes	Zbaracki, Matt	Yes
Knipper, Kris	Absent	Ziegler, Deb	Yes

Baldwin places importance on quality in business from management to workers

Quality is not a new idea, but it is one that must be revived if America hopes to regain its leadership as the foremost economic power in the world, Mark Baldwin, president of Iowa Laser Technology Inc., Cedar Falls, said at Wartburg College convocation Tuesday.

"Quality is difficult to define but it can be taught," he said. "It was Andrew Carnegie's key to success."

Quality, he said, starts at the top with management, who must take a systematic approach t solving problems. However, he added that everyone, workers as well as manager, must be involved.

It is management's responsibility to create an environment that leaves room for innovative change.

"A buzz word for Total Quality Management," he said, "is empowerment—training people to be needed."

Total Quality Management, he added, focuses on the customer; it is based on the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

He said there also is a major "trust gap" in this county, noting that 93 percent of the workers in Japan as compared to 10 percent of the workers in this country feel that if they work harder they will get something out of it.

"People tend to ignore facts that are inconsistent with what they believe," he said. "

The two major problems facing America are short term greed and poor quality, he said.

"Right now we are fighting everyone but the competition. The worker is against management, management is against the worker, business is against the government. As for the poor quality, studies show that about six percent can be blamed on the worker and 94 percent on the system. Who controls the system? Management.

"Following World War II, America was the foremost economic power in the world wit the largest domestic market, the best technology, the best educated workforce, the best management, although that might be in question, and the most wealth.

But we have squandered all that. We operate under new rules. How important is the domestic market when in actuality we need to deal with worldwide markets as we do today? How important is the consumer. The consumer did more to overthrow Communism than anything the Pentagon did.

"That is why Total Quality Management's first focus is on the consumer."

Baldwin's company was the 1990 winner of the Governor's Quality Award and was selected for the Blue Chip Enterprise Award by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce last year.

Missionary visits campus

Christensen discovers Christianity 'translatable'

BY TIM SEEGER

"The great thing about Christianity is that the Christian message is translatable," said Wartburg alumnus Tom Christensen, missionary in Cameroon.

He and his wife, Sharon, arrived in Cameroon for the first time in 1967 after a calling from a young African church. They spent six months in a Gbaza village, consisting of 50 to 60 people.

"God makes use of young peoples' desires to explore other peoples' ways of life," said Christensen.

While they were there, they worked on learning the language and the culture of the Gbaza people. Soon, he said, they began worshipping with them and singing their songs.

"Earlier missionaries had done some work in translating American liturgies into their language," Christensen said. "They tried using the same tunes and just translating the words."

This didn't work very well, however; because African music differs so greatly from American music. African music places more emphasis on rhythm and blue tones, he said. So the words of the doxology were given to three African musicians, and they put it into an African style. Eventually the entire liturgy was transcribed to fit their culture.

"We were very well received in Cameroon," Christensen said. "It wasn't because of anything tremendous about us, but it's a credit to their great hospitality."

The people of Cameroon have a difficult time understanding Americans. They see America as a land of rich and unlimited resources and are amazed at the wastefulness here, he said.

But they are also impressed with America's technological advances.

"The Apollo made a big impact," he said.

Tom is a 1961 Wartburg graduate, who majored in English, while Sharon is a 1965 Wartburg graduate, who majored in Social Work.

They are presently on leave for a year, but are expecting to return in July, he said.

Editorial

Security system inconsistent

Campus security is always a touchy issue to address at Wartburg. The administration and security office say that things are under control and all that is needed is student cooperation to ensure that control. Students say that security is lax and something needs to be done to improve the system. When campus security is made an issue each side gets defensive and refuses to discuss it objectively.

In all fairness to security, they are grossly understaffed. Administrators may argue that security's size is justifiable, but not when buildings such as the library are closed up 15 to 20 minutes early because there is only one security officer to make the rounds. It may seem trivial to most people and administrators. However, when someone is researching a paper every minute is precious. Those 15 to 20 lost minutes could mean finding the titles to two or three books that can be checked out before leaving for the night. Or locating articles in a periodical index. It is sad that academics have to take a back seat to "security."

There is also the matter of the Security Office's hours. When the office is open only three-and-a-half hours Monday through Friday during the time most students have classes, it is impossible to get there for such trivial matters as paying parking fines, getting temporary parking permits for visitors and registering vehicles. And the people in security wonder why they find so many illegally parked cars.

A lack of consistency adds to the problem. Faculty and staff members often arbitrarily lock doors which students use, causing problems and confusion which is blamed on security. Also, there seems to be no policy for keeping certain rooms student-accessible.

For instance, the library, journalism lab and graphics room in the Communication Arts Center are often locked when student publication staff members need to use them. When security is called to come unlock the rooms, no one is there because the office is closed or else all the guys are out locking other buildings or doing who knows what.

Security should not be busy locking buildings and rooms while a student is jumped walking across campus. Granted, locks are important, but so are people.

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Laffetry learns from riot

Faces of love, hate, future

Jill Lafferty

VIEWPOINTS

On Jan. 20, 1992, I saw the face of love. It was thousands of people of every color, age and religion singing spirituals and marching peacefully hand in hand down the streets of Denver, CO.

It was a balmy 50 degrees when Renae Burau, '92, Dawn Wendt, '92, and I walked across City Park to join the estimated 10,000 to 15,000 people preparing for the "Marade," the city's annual march to honor slain civil rights leader and American hero Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The pre-Marade program was well underway and nearly impossible to catch a glimpse of or hear by the time we arrived at City Park. Instead, we wandered through the crowd, remarking on the people around us. What struck me most was the participation of many young people and families in the parade—parents carrying their children as they marched and elementary-aged children carrying banners bigger than themselves.

When the march to the Colorado State Capital building began, the three of us grabbed each other for fear of being swept away by the crowd and getting lost. However, the crowd was able to spread out as soon as we turned down a wide street, so we were able to calmly continue the long march.

All along the parade route, an elderly black man and a drummer I heard but never saw led the crowd around us in spirituals. This was the first time that I had participated in such an event, but the atmosphere was so open and loving that I felt completely at home.

On Jan. 20, 1992, I saw the face of hate. It was 124 Ku Klux Klan members stretching their arms out Nazi style chanting "White power" and about an equal number of marchers retorting "fuck the Klan," and hurling rocks and snowballs.

I hate even writing about the Klan because it just gives them the publicity they want, and they've already gotten more than they deserve. Being outnumbered 120 to 1 on Monday, they shouldn't have mattered anyway, but they did.

The Klan's fight for the right to demonstrate was well publicized, and some people came out just to see them. At first, the Klan was isolated at the top of the State Capital steps, protected behind two lines of police barricades. Renae, Dawn and I stood between the second barricade and the rest of the crowd. Everyone was jockeying for a good position to see what the Klan was doing. It was almost like a circus, with Klan as the freak show.

What struck me again was that as nearly as I could tell, about half of those wearing the leather and military uniforms and carrying confederate flags were my age or younger.

Renae, Dawn and I left just as the violence began. The journalist in me wishes I had stayed to see and photograph the confrontation that ended in mace, tear gas, an overturned police car and 21 arrests. (That part of me is going to get me in trouble someday.) For the most part, I'm glad we got out of there before we got hurt.

The Denver and national media covered the riot in typical fashion, reporting what happened with a plethora of cliches: "An angry crowd of hoodlums" were engaging in "mindless stupidity" according to one newspaper.

The riot may have been stupid, but I don't believe it was mindless. People don't stage riots without a reason. Everyone knew what happened, but few wanted to adequately address why the violence occurred. Denver was so stunned by the events that it seemed to have forgotten that while Dr. King preached of non-violence, he continually found himself in riotous situations. In fact, his trip to Memphis, TN, that ended in his assassination was a return to a place where he had earlier experienced violence.

My generation does not remember the civil rights movement. My generation has only read bout Dr. King in textbooks. And some members of my generation suffer such a lack of values and self-esteem that they need someone to blame for a failing economy, rampant drug and alcohol abuse and the escalation of violence in our society.

That is why some members of my generation are joining hate cults like the Klan. That is also why others feel the need to start riots.

On Jan. 20, 1992, I saw the face of the future. It was a baby sleeping in his father's arms, unaware of the parade he was a part of. It was elementary-aged children carrying a "End Apartheid" sign. But it was also the m any young faces of the Ku Klux Klan.

Letters

Senior empowered by King celebration

On behalf of the Wartburg community, I would like to thank the Minority Student Program and SAC Cultural Education Program for arranging the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Monday night. This was one of the most powerful and meaningful experiences of my Wartburg career. I only wish more people would have been present to hear Rev. Crider's message. I hope all who were in attendance will carry through on Crider's suggestion and follow the example of MLK by 1) making a commitment to self, 2) working for social change, and 3) striving for spiritual renewal. If we believe and continue to fight, the dream can come true.

Suzanne Yunker, '92

Take risk; accept diversity

Diversity. When we look around us each day we see diversity. We see differences in how we look and behave, hear differences in how we talk. This is what makes life interesting and worth living.

On Tuesday, the Student Senate made a decision which supported diversity. Members of GABLES and Friends came and petitioned for recognition as a Wartburg organization. The petition was supported.

Though making GABLES a Wartburg sponsored group was not supported by all, it was favored by the majority. This support shows that we are willing to not only acknowledge diversity but to accept it. This acceptance is important to keep the human spirit alive. If we were not to accept diversity, life would be dull and without meaning.

To accept diversity means to take a risk. Try to understand something which is foreign to you. A majority of the Wartburg Senate chose to take the risk last week. Will you?

Jen LaCoste, '94

Africa not 'primitive'

The article, "Venture Ed experiences shared at convocation" which appeared on the front page of last week's Trumpet described Morogoro Lutheran Junior Seminary as "the least primitive of the five possible venture education settings."

We do not regard Morogoro, Tanzania and such other places in Africa as being primitive. Allowing the use of this kind of language in the media is not only abusive but also gives a wrong impression of Africa.

We live in a diverse world where different places have different characteristics and the people have different values. Therefore, our outlook should not be of degrading other people's way of living.

If your outlook is to use the United States' way of living as a measure of the only proper way to live, then Wartburg College, a liberal arts college, needs to do more at broadening your narrow mindedness.

We, the African students at Wartburg are available resources. If you don't know anything about Africa, feel free to approach us anytime but don't spread your ignorance to the readers.

African Students at Wartburg

The Trumpet always welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must deal with pertinent issues. All letters are subject to editing and must be singed.

Homosexuality will exist

Seduction of society

BY RACHEL HOFFMAN

Homosexuality exists. Even if Student Senate hadn't voted to recognize GABLES and FRIENDS as an official Wartburg organization, homosexuality would still exist.

There is no getting around it.

I do not know why people are homosexuals; I do not know what being a homosexual is like. However, I do know what being a human being is like. Life as a person is full of choices, stances and facts.

Life as a person means being a responsible part of society. We are society. We are what we make ourselves out to be, personally and socially. The people around you make you who you are.

Maybe that is why people are afraid of homosexuality. They are afraid that they might be confronted by their own sexuality. However, one can take from each experience or encounter what one wants. I know that my encounters with people have made me stop to think about who I am.

I had a very enlightening conversation with my friend Mike this summer. Mike graduated from a small liberal arts college with a degree in philosophy.

I told him how mad I get when people blame issues on society. After all, we are society, I told him.

"We are seduced by society," Mike said.

Whoa. If we are society, then how can we be seduced by it? Exactly, said Mike. We are seduced by the idea of being a society. We are confronted everyday with the meaning of living in a society. And sometimes the idea is either better or worse than the actuality.

The "American Heritage Dictionary" defines "seduce" as "to lead (a person) away from duty or proper conduct."

Homosexuality is a part of society. We cannot deny that. We as a society do not have to condone every action that a person makes. But we do have to acknowledge that they are humans living in the same seductive society. Why should we make jokes about the "queers"? What is so queer about them? Is it the fact that they are different? Well, no two people are the same.

My mother said (no, it is not childish to quote ones parents; my mom has a lot of good things to say) that homosexuals are the only minority that is "o.k." to joke about. Racial slurs are usually frowned upon.

Another conversation I had was with one of my greatest friends, Daurine. We got to taking about the recognition of GABLES and Friends. Some people at Tuesday's Senate meeting were using "religion" as a reason for denying recognition to a homosexual organization.

Daurine, who grew up with in a strongly Lutheran home told me how she felt.

First, she said that religion is not an excuse for denying a human being. Some people may say that certain passages in the Bible suggest that homosexuality is "wrong". Well, the Bible, she said, was written by many people, and it is a compilation of ideas and thoughts. Not once is the word homosexuality mentioned.

The main and recurring theme in the Bible is God's love. God's unconditional love for all people. God's plea for people to love their neighbors as they love themselves and as God loves them. God does not say, "Do not love homosexuals."

As Christians, we are to follow the example that Jesus set. He loved all people, regardless. Why is it so difficult for us to condemn that which is different?

Religion is not something that you should hide behind when you are afraid of society. God does not cause things to happen. God made society and society seduced itself.

Freedom of the press

College journalists battle confidentiality problems

BY RICK BRANSON
FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Confidentiality—the right for newspaper to protect sources and information—was under fire in the past year, mainly in the area of photography.

Here's a review of five incidents in four states:

Michigan—the editor for the student newspaper at Western Michigan University had his camera confiscated by a police officer, but no legal action followed the incident.

Nik Kalyani, editor in chief of the Western Herald, was shooting photos off campus of a police officer writing a ticket when another officer seized Kalyani's camera and exposed the film.

Kalyani filed a complaint to the police department and said his demands, which included a reprimand for the office and a letter of apology to Kalyani, were met. He had no plans for future legal action.

New Jersey—The Montclair State College student newspaper was struck twice by school officials confiscating or destroying photographs.

In one incident, the track coach took a camera and film from photography editor Kristin Marcussen after she photographed him at practice. The coach said that Marcussen had to have his permission or obtain a photo from the public relations office.

In a previous incident, a staff writer claims he was assaulted by a police officer when the film was ripped from his camera and his camera damaged.

Anthony DiPasquale was trying to photograph an altercation between campus police and students during a party when the incident took place.

The Montclarion is considering legal action because of the two incidents and the lack of action following school investigations.

Kansas—A student reporter won his battle to maintain a confidential source when a district court judge reversed an earlier judgment that would have compelled him to release his notes and drafts for a judge's review.

The ruling upheld the reporter's qualified privilege against compelled disclosure of the source and other unpublished story materials.

In balancing the reporter's privilege against a party's right to acquire evidence for a fair trial, the court did require Jeff Fast, a reporter for the Wichita State University Sunflower, to testify with the understanding that none of the questions would involve the confidential source.

Indiana—A reporter surrendered his photos of a riot after the court said a photojournalists work was not privileged under the U.S. Constitution or the Indiana shield law.

Richard Schultz fought the prosecutors order, but followed the court's request and did not appeal the ruling because of Indiana's weak shield law.

David Adams, the adviser of the Indiana Daily Student that bought Schultz's photos, said that outcome could have been different in another state.

The judge had ruled that the photographs did not contain any information obtained in confidence.

Editor's note: This story was printed in recognition of Freedom of the College Press Month this January.

Dean's List Fall Term, '91

Some 280 Wartburg College students have been named to the Dean's List for Fall Term, according to Dr. James Pence, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty.

In order to be named to the Dean's List, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better (on a 4.0 basis, A=4, B=3, C=2, etc.) and earn at least four course credits.

The Dean's List includes 83 freshmen, 53 sophomores, 84 juniors, 59 seniors and two special students.

Freshmen
Wendy Ahrendsen
Kristin Anderson
Andrea Beam
Angelique Bents
Jennifer Bergan
Kelly Berkeland
Connie Bethards
Jennifer Block
Amy Bossard
Todd Bringewatt
Robert Bringolf
Blair Buffington
Jennifer Bye
Kristen Capel
Stacie Caryl
Christopher Conrad
Sonya Crabtree
Jill Crawford
Heather Crow
Tonia Davenport
Kevin Dempsey
Laurie Demro
Jeffrey DeVries
Craig Dittmer
Michael Doyle
David Edwards
Julie Egan
Kristin Englert
Andrew Even
Lance Formwalt
Stephanie Frame
Dana Frank
Jennifer Fry
Tamara Giessinger
Craig Grandgenett
Lance Green
Denise Groot
Brenda Hanson
Shawn Harmsen
Andrew Haussmann
Jennifer Heaney
Robin Heckens
Dawn Husmann
Jeffrey Isaacson
Nicole Johanningmeier
Karen Junko
Justine Kavle
Dawn Keller
Ying Fung Koh
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Melody Preston
Matthew Pries
Melanie Randol
Brent Robins
Lisa Sandman
Heidi Schafer
Nancy Schneider
Heidi Shafland
Doug Sheppard
Justin Smith
Jason Sobolik
Christopher Staehling
Karen Steffen
Valerie Van Hauen
Teresa Vande Krol
Robert Wachholz
Shirley Warburton
Christopher Warmanen
Wendy Wiegmann
Bradley Wood

Sophomores
Van Beach
Kerri Blobaum
Stephanie Blue
Erin Brown
Stacey Burkhardt
John Carr
Melissa Collins
Kevin Cummer
Angela DeBower
Tami Baumann
Lori Dick
Lani Duckworth
Ginger Duncan
Lauren Dybowski
Paul Everding
Bryan Friedman
Jasjeet Gill
Scott Glaser
Janell Godfrey
Nicole Gordon
Timothy Grove
Sherry Harding
Jodie Harper
Dana Hauschildt
Chad Hebrink
Rebecca Heidelberger
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William Hicks
Kara James
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Janiece Kueker
Lynn Litzer
Helen Luce
Jason Madden
Stephanie Marzahl
David Matthias
Sally Meyers
Eric Miller
Anna Nielsen
Elizabeth Onsrud
Felicia Peeples
Stephen Perry
Christopher Ristau
Klista Schemmel
Deanna Swartz
Martin Timm
Nathan Tomlinson
Amy Twait
Robert Umbaugh
Wendy Wagner
Leasa Wellman
Heather Wiegand
Jay Wright
Jill Zietlow

Juniors
Timothy Abrahamson
Paul Anderson
Andrew Arnold
Christine Ascher
Mary Ann Baade
David Black
Suzanne Bleeke
Brian Bowman
Stacie Bromley
Gunda Brost
Thomas Buchheim
Renae Burau
Amy Campbell
Heather Carlson
Corey Case
Richard Consier
Barbara Davis
Melissa Dodd
Molly Donahe
Scott Eggers
Jolene Eisenman
Brian Farrell
John Ferrell
Amanda Fetter
Lisa Fluent
Kelly Gee
Marlene Geurts
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Terry Krohnberg
Theresa Lacina
Jill Lafferty
Jennifer Lager
Nicole Lang
Mark Langholz
David Long
Dianne Ludwig
Nancy Lund
Nicole Maahs
Eric Maassen
Daniel Mahraun
Sean Meade
Steven Meier
Kristie Moritz
Tammy Nelson
Cheryl Neumann
Shawna Nordman
Stacy Northrop
Douglas Peters
Deanne Prochaska
Jennifer Ramler
Amy Russell
Libby Schoenig
Rita Schroeder
Kelly Sedinger
Donna Sharp
Wendy Sherer
Lance Skov
Kristin Smith
Susan Smolik
Jennifer Stille
Michelle Sturtz
Courtney Tafoya
David Taylor
Molly Thoren
Holly Thunberg
Shannon Timmins
Craig Treptow
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Heidi Faber
Kimberley Felton
Kristi Gimmel
Kristine Gould
Shahla Grabow
Timothy Guyer
Corey Halverson
Leah Hansen
Carrie Harrison
Lance Haupt
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Regents honors scholars' success

By Paul Everding

As the nation gathered in front televisions Sunday, Jan. 26, to watch the Super Bowl, high school seniors and members of the Wartburg community gathered in Neumann Auditorium for the Regents Scholarship Competition.

"Our nation makes so much out of honoring athletes," President Robert Vogel said during the awards ceremony. "It seems somehow appropriate that we should be gathered here on Super Bowl Sunday. Today we are doing something more important than recognizing football players."

Vogel went on to say the awards ceremony—new this year to both Regents and Presidential competitions—is Wartburg's way of recognizing participants as Regents scholars and also their academic achievements.

Laura Kain, '92, one of the 1988 top Regents winners, was the keynote speaker at the ceremony. "This is not a small achievement to be taken lightly," she told participants.

Kain also said she felt Wartburg had helped make her a complete person. "Wartburg is more than academics. I got to explore other cultures, participate in extracurricular activities and develop as a person through work study. Neither of my summer jobs would have been available without my strong academic background at Wartburg."

The ceremony ended with the awarding of medals to participants in recognition of their accomplishments and as Regents scholars.

Participants seemed to be pleased with the day and found Wartburg a friendly place.

"It's been a very nice day," Angel Schwab, a senior from Belle Plaine, IA, said. "It's a nice campus."

Jason Shriver from Paullina, IA, found the atmosphere agreeable, also. "I think it's a very friendly place [compared to the state schools]. Like you for instance. You just came up and talked to me."

DISTINCT HONOR— Regents scholars receive recognition in Neumann Auditorium from Dr. James Pence, vice president for academic affairs, (at podium) and other faculty, staff and administration.

Campus weight control group teaches 'lifestyle modification'

Goodbye fat...hello lean! This declaration of resolution is made by millions of people each year, as soon as December turns into January.

If you are serious about uttering those words *one* last time, your comrades are beckoning.

"The Right WEIGH To Go," a new weight control group, will meet Wed., Jan. 29, at 8-9 p.m. in the Health & Wellness Center.

Facilitators for this new health group include Angie Thurm, '94; Laura Garton, '94; Jill Bangasser, '94; Katie Doyle, '94; and Susan Lenius, health & wellness receptionist. The students, through facilitation and application, will use this as a part of their studies on the success of group motivation, interaction and support.

"Our approach will be one of learning the secrets of lifestyle modification, so once you take it off, it stays off," said Lenius. "But we also want it to be fun and an exercise of the 'strength-in-numbers' rule. Together, we can do it."

Meetings will feature guest speakers, video tapes, special recipes and current literature on healthy living.

A $2.50 fee will cover all literature costs, including a personal tracking chart to be used (in total confidence) by each member.

Due to limited space, interested students should call Lenius at 8436 prior to Wednesday night's meeting.

The group expects to remain active through April, and is open to all staff, faculty and students.

Mock interviews offer first hand experience for job searchers

Mock interviews for interested students will be held in the Career Development Center on Jan. 30 and Feb. 18.

Students will have the opportunity to gain first hand experience about actual interviews from established professionals.

Interviews scheduled for the Jan 30 are for education majors. High school principals and administrators will be on hand.

"This is a valuable opportunity," said Lisa LaRue, '92, "It gives students a chance to practice their interview skills and begin making contacts with administrators."

Non-education majors can attend mock interviews on Feb. 18. Any student wishing to participate will be matched with a professional from their major.

The interviews will be held on campus and done on a one-on-one basis. They will last approximately 15-20 minutes, allowing time for the interviewers to critique the students and their resumes.

A luncheon will be held in the Castle Room following the interviews. This will allow students time to ask additional questions.

"This is as close to the real thing as you can get, a great opportunity for underclassmen as well as seniors," said Will Smith, director of career development.

Those students interested are encouraged to call or visit the CDC to sign up for a time slot. This should be done soon in order for organizers to invite professionals from various fields.

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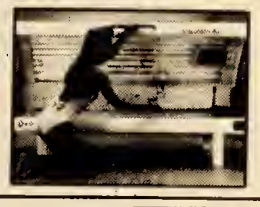

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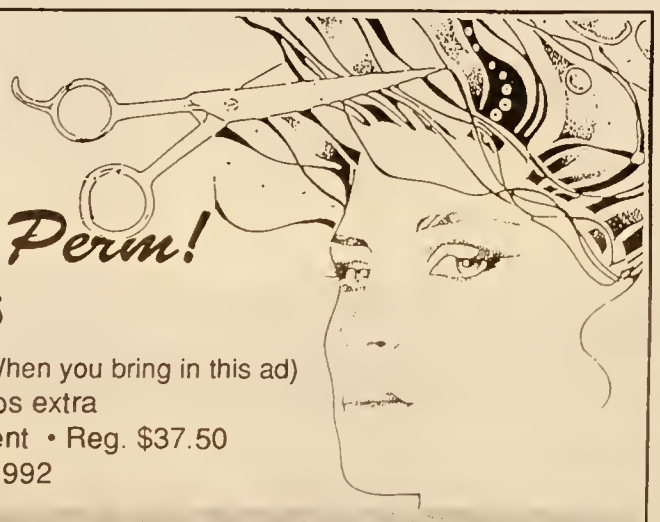

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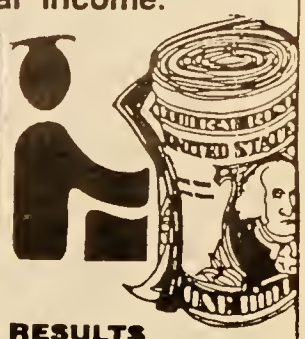

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Crider addresses King's three messages

By Rachel Hoffman

"Spread the word across the nation; this is going to be a great generation."

Those words reverberated throughout Buhr Lounge upon request of Dr. Tyrone Crider Monday evening. Crider was at Wartburg to help celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday in an event sponsored by minority student programs.

"Dr. Crider continues to speak God's word," said Rochelle Rowan, director of minority student affairs. "He continues to fight for all people's rights."

Crider is the founder and pastor of New Hope Community Baptist Church in Chicago, IL.

"How can we celebrate the dream?" said Crider. "We can honor him each and every day by working toward his goals."

He spoke to the Wartburg community about King's three messages from his life and teachings.

The first message Crider mentioned was a commitment to self-development. According to Crider, King himself did more in 26 years than most people do in their whole lives.

"Get yourself together," said Crider. "Major in your major. Some people say they are math majors, but they are too busy counting on someone else. The there's the pre-med major who makes people sick." King went on to describe other academic disciplines. He said that students must apply themselves to their studies.

"Your knowledge can never be taken."

The second message Crider shared was a commitment to social change.

"Dr. King got involved in a struggle even if it meant death, which it unfortunately did."

According to Crider, King used his vision, voice, charisma, knowledge, moral authority, all of his gifts.

"Stir up your gifts of God then make the world a better place."

He echoed King's words and told the audience to "judge people not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

"Race never determined ability," said Crider. "It should not determine advantage."

He asked the audience how they want to be remembered. Then he said that today's generation has a chance to make a difference. Some of the key social problems he cited were drugs, AIDS, homelessness and illiteracy.

The last message Crider shared was spiritual renewal.

"God has a hand of power and a heart of love," he said. "Do your best and God will do the rest."

Following Crider's speech, the Gospel Corporation sang three Gospel songs.

WE SHALL OVERCOME— The Rev. Tyrone Crider helps Wartburg celebrate King's Birthday.

Entertainment This Week

- Waverly Consort will be presented as part of the UNI Artist Series in UNI Auditorium, Cedar Falls, at 8 p. m. Feb. 2.
- The musical "Gypsy" will be performed in Stephens Auditorium, Ames, on Feb. 2.
- Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra will perform at Kersenbrock Auditorium, West High School, Waterloo, at 8 p. m. Feb. 7-8.
- "Harold and the Purple Crayon" will be presented as part of the Artist Series in Neumann Auditorium at 2 p. m. Feb. 9.
- Metro Community Concert Series will present a concert in Kersenbrock Auditorium, West High School, Waterloo, at 7:30 p. m. Feb. 13.
- "First Class," a concert by the Wartburg Community Symphony, will be performed in Neumann Auditorium at 3 p. m. Feb. 16.
- The Canadian Brass will perform in UNI Auditorium, Cedar Falls, as part of the UNI Artist Series at 8 p. m. Feb. 25.
- Duke Ellington Orchestra will perform at the Des Moines Civic Center Feb. 25. For ticket information call (319) 363-1888.
- "West Side Story," a Theatre UNI production, will be preformed at Strayer-Wood Theatre, UNI, Cedar Falls, Feb. 27-29 and March 2-7. For ticket information call (319) 273-6381.
- Jay Beech Band will perform as part of Spiritual Emphasis Week on campus March 6. Tickets are $4 in advance, $5 the night of performance. They can be purchased in Pastor Trachte's office.

Manors Hall Council institutes escort service to improve security

Don't walk home alone at night. Call for an escort.

Increased concern for the safety of Wartburg students during late night hours has motivated the Manors Hall Council to begin work on an escort service.

"I think there is more of that type of thing [campus assault] around than we are aware of," Dayce Wesenberg, '92, said.

When the service starts, students can call the switchboard to request an escort, then a team of two escorts will be contacted. Students will be able to receive an escort from any location on campus including parking lots and Joe's Kighthawk and the Other Place II.

The service is slated to start around the beginning of February, accoding to Char Tjaden, assistant director of residential life.

Wesenberg said the service will be continued next year if there is enough interest.

Two student coordinator positions and 20 escorts are needed. Work study funds are available for the coordinator positions. Applications for student coordinators will be available Tuesday, January 28, in the Residential Life Office. Interviews will take place during the week of February 3. Contact Wesenberg (7104) or Tjaden (8268) for more information.

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Lady Knights topple Simpson

By shooting 60 percent from the field, the Wartburg women's basketball team topped Simpson 88-60 Friday night.

The Lady Knights, who are ranked seventh in the nation among Division III schools, upped their overall record to 12-3 and their conference record to 7-0.

Head Coach Monica Severson said, "One of the important things about the game was that we came out and played extremely well for the whole 40 minutes."

For the season, the Lady Knights have shot 46.5 percent from the field, which is twelfth best in the nation for Division III schools. Against Simpson, Wartburg shot 55 percent from the field the first half and 65 percent the second half.

Solid Shooting

"At the half I just told the girls that they would have to concentrate on defense in the second half because you just can't expect to shoot that good the whole game," Severson said. "But then they went out and shot even better in the second half."

Lisa Uhlenhopp was the leading scorer for the Lady Knights with 34 points, Kathy Roberts scored 26 points and Angie Toale was good for 8 points.

"Kathy and Lisa both had exceptional games, and the others contributed in many ways," Severson said. "Overall we played excellent team defense which is necessary to have if you want to win on the road."

"Lisa and Kathy both had a good night and a lot of points, so it meant the rest of us just had to get it inside," guard Kelly Gee said. "The game might have been closer if they could have shut us down inside."

Big Win

"We all expected the game to be closer than what it was, because they had beaten Luther and Central," Roberts said. "I thought we all shot the ball well. We were able to hit from the outside, and we fed the ball to the inside well."

"It was a nice win,"Severson said. "To hold the other team to 60 points on their home court is a great accomplishment."

The Lady Knights will face William Penn at home Friday, Jan. 31, and will take on Luther at home Saturday, Feb. 1.

WARTBURG (88)

Gee 0-3 0-0 0, Toale 4-5 0-0 8, Bowman 1-2 2-2 4, Berkeland 1-1 0-0 2, Uhlenhopp 16-22 2-2 34, Miller 1-4 4-6 6, Grow 1-4 0-0 2, Zarn 1-1 0-1 2, Roberts 7-12 10-11 26, Peterson 1-1 2-2 4.

SIMPSON (60)

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Haupt prospers under new role

Beginning the basketball season as the only returning starter from a team that went 23-5 last year, put a lot of pressure on Lance Haupt, a 6-5 senior forward on Wartburg's men's basketball squad.

Last year's team won its third Iowa Conference championship in five years and advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III postseason tourney.

Haupt has responded well to the satisfaction of veteran Wartburg coach Buzz Levick, who was tied for 25th with Denny Crum of Louisville on the list of winningest mens' active collegiate coaches entering the 1991-92 season.

"Lance is a steady and consistent individual both on and off the court," Levick said. "You can rely on him because he is always under control."

Being the only starter back, Levick and the inexperienced Knights looked to Haupt for leadership.

In the first few games, he says he did feel some pressure, but now he thinks the Knights have matured.

"With game experience, the other players have come around," Haupt said. "The whole team has built confidence. We hit a lull at mid-season, but now I think we recognize our potential."

Haupt has always been known as a hard worker, and Levick has taken note of his work ethic and the resulting improvement in his career at Wartburg.

"Lance has always been a great defender and rebounder," Levick said. "So his big improvement has come as a scorer and offensive threat. Lance is now our go-to guy when we need a big basket."

This year Haupt is averaging 15.1 points and 6.6 rebounds per game, including a buzzer-beating jumper that boosted the Knights over Dordt 75-74 in their third game of the season.

"That shot was just one of those things. I was glad to be part of it," Haupt said. "We had a successful team in high school, and being on a good team helps you with confidence."

The Wartburg basketball team lost a lot of talent to graduation last year (six of the top seven players), but the squad's efforts have turned a few heads with its 9-6 record, and now the Knights are looking positively at the remainder of the season.

"We definitely surprised ourselves," Levick said. "On any given night any team in the conference can win. I just hope we can keep improving."

Haupt speaks proudly of his career at Wartburg and has set some goals for the remainder of the season.

"I have met a lot of quality people here, and they have taught me that it takes a lot of hard work and discipline to succeed," he said. "I hope to shoot better than 50 percent from the floor and improve my rebounding, but most of all I want the team to be successful."

After the first 14 games, he is succeeding at his first goal. He is shooting 50.3 percent (90 of 179). As for the second, his rebounding figure leads the squad - as does his scoring average.

Levick says he feels honored to have known a person like Haupt and said he should be a role model for other student-athletes.

"Lance doesn't surprise you," Levick said. "His consistency of effort never changes. He is really someone to look up to."

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Wrestlers suffer setback

The Wartburg wrestling team suffered a 28-15 setback to Loras in dual wrestling action Thursday night.

The Knights went into the contest ranked 12th in the NCAA Division III ratings with a dual record of 15-3, while Loras, was ranked 19th with a 7-6 record in dual meets.

"It was a disappointing meet for us," Coach JimMiller said. "We came out really flat."

Wartburg defeated Loras earlier this season 21-16 in the Iowa Small College Duals Jan. 11. Dubuque was scheduled to compete in the duals also but backed out because of a lack of wrestlers.

Miller said he deliberately scheduled a 12 day break for training purposes before the Loras dual, not realizing that he would need the time for some of his wrestlers to recuperate from injuries. Brad Tholen, 167 lbs., is attempting to come back from a strained shoulder and Scott D'Agostino has been held out because of a concussion.

"Jon Dawley did a very good job against Loras," Miller said. "Tholen should be back wrestling this week."

Tom Hogan, 150 lbs., improved his season record to 27-4 with a technical fall over in 6:41. D'Agostino, 134 lbs., upped his record to 16-8 with with a 17-14 decision. At 167 lbs., Lance Chistensen improved to 22-8 with a 11-4 decision and Dawley, 190 lbs., won 16-4 to up his season record to 29-2.

Other matches for Wartburg, Chris Ristau, 126 lbs., lost by technical fall 25-10. Matt Sesker, 142 lbs., lost by decision 8-7. Mike Doyle, 158 lbs., was thrown in 2:38. Lyndon Van Raden, 177 lbs., lost by decision 15-7 and Jesse Molinar, Hwt., lost by decision 10-2.

This week the grapplers host Luther Wednesday and then travel to the All-Lutheran Tournament in Decorah Saturday.

"I expect great competition at this weekends tournament," Miller said. "Augsburg, which is top ranked team in the nation, and Augustana, who beat us earlier this year, will be there."

Sports This Week

MEN'S BASKETBALL:

Friday, Jan. 31, William Penn, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1, Luther, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:

Friday, Jan. 31, William Penn, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1, Luther, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING:

Wednesday, Jan. 29, Luther, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1, All-Lutheran Tournament, at Decorah

Pickett leads with 21 points

Turnovers plague cagers

The Wartburg men's basketball team came up short in their quest for a third conference victory losing to Simpson 79-75 Friday and falling to 2-5 in the conference and 9-6 overall.

A piece to their complicated puzzle was found, and that piece was shooting guard Mark Franzen, who was two for three on three point field goals.

"Mark took advantage of his playing time and opened up a dimension in his basketball game that we had been looking for," said Coach Buzz Levick.

The Knights shot 55 percent from the field and 86 percent from the free throw line.

"We had 19 turnovers to Simpson's 12 and that really cost us," Levick said.

Wartburg was lead by Tom Pickett, who had 21 points and nine rebounds and Lance Haupt, who added 16 points. Dave Denly netted 13 points and hauled down four rebounds and Mark Franzen tossed in eight points.

The Knights host William Penn on Friday and conference rival Luther on Saturday.

WARTBURG (75)	SIMPSON (79)
Haupt 5-8 5-5 16, Isaacson 0-1 1-2 1, Pickett 8-10 5-5 21, Farrell 3-10 0-0 6, Horstmann 1-1 2-3 4, Leary 0-1 0-0 0, Franzen 3-4 0-0 8, Hall 3-8 0-0 6, Watson 0-1 0-0 0, Denly 4-6 5-6 13, Rinderknecht 0-0 0-0 0.	Hias 5-7 3-4 16, Vaske 1-2 0-0 2, Venenga 1-1 0-0 2, Augspurger 6-8 2-3 14, Densmore 4-7 3-3 12, Hartman 2-5 3-4 7, Mendenhall 1-4 0-0 2, Gauin 4-9 0-2 12, James 1-3 1-2 3, Brack 3-7 3-4 9.

Roberts 'Player of the Week'

For the second time this season, Wartburg forward Kathy Roberts has been named Player of the Week in the Iowa Conference.

She was cited for her performance during the Knights' wins over Dubuque, 89-34 and Luther 53-50 last week.

In the two games, she was 16-25 from the field and eight of 13 from the free-throw line for a combined total of 43 points. She also pulled down 17 rebounds.

The two wins kept Wartburg undefeated at 7-0 in the IIAC and ran the Knights' overall record to 12-3.

Roberts, who previously was cited as Player of the Week in December for her performance in a 84-74 overtime win over Central, leads the Knights in scoring with a 22.9 average and is ranked 15th in the nation.

She is second on the squad in rebounding with a 7.8 average. After 14 games, she is shooting 53.1 percent from the floor (111 of 209) and 75 percent from the line (84 of 112). She also leads the Knights in assists with 39, blocked shots with 14 and steals with 38.

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Tim Pearson: The Man, the Mission

BY CAMERON HANSON

Last Thanksgiving, Tim Pearson, Wartburg class of 1990, had something to be truly thankful for: His walk across the country (or half of it anyway) was over.

"No question the trip was hard," Pearson said, "but I'm glad I did it."

Pearson's individuality possessed him to walk across the country.

"Hey, I'm in my early 20s and figured what better time to do something out of the ordinary rather than getting a job and settling down to the same occupation for the rest of my life."

He did, however, have a job at Augsburg/Fortress Publishers in Chicago. But he went through with the walk because he "had told everyone that he was going to do it."

So on June 10, 1991, Tim Pearson dipped his right foot in the Mississippi River and headed on foot for the West Coast on a trip that would last five months and 18 days.

"I chose to walk to the West Coast because it was 'wilder.' You always hear of the 'wild west.' The mountains, deserts, valleys and the like provided a lot of variety. Plus I could crash with my relatives."

Pearson's aunt and uncle live near Dillon Beach, CA, his destination 20 miles north of San Fransisco.

Pearson quit his job in Chicago at Augsburg/Fortress Publishers, three months after deciding to go on the walk.

"I had a vague idea of which way I was going and did plan on going through Waverly. I made it here in July. As for the rest of the trip, I simply went day by day and asked the locals in each town which way would be best."

Tim Pearson is the author of "*What in the World...*," a spin-off from his days as student columnist for the *Wartburg Trumpet*. While promoting his book was not the purpose of the walk across the country, he did bring order forms along in case someone wanted to buy his book.

"I really didn't want to meddle with business. I wanted to enjoy the trip for the trip's sake."

I THINK I CAN—I think I can make it across the country.

AS PEARSON WINDS ON DOWN THE ROAD—There walks an alumnus we all know...sojourning between Winterset and Lorimor. Photo by Renee Randau.

The People

"I did meet a guy named Jim near Wallace, KS. I could see him walking a couple of miles ahead of me but it took me a while to catch up to him. He looked about 70 years old and had along with him a dog. He had evidently been hitchhiking a long time for he was severely sunburned.

"I honestly don't think he was completely in his right mind. He claimed he was walking to get his mail in another town where he didn't live. He said he was evicted from his residence and had his mail sent to this town...We did sit down to a feast of apples, sourdough and whatever else we had in the ditch.

Jim however moved too slowly so Pearson gradually left him about his business.

"I spent my 24th birthday in Globe, AZ, on an Apache Indian reservation. In fact, on of the residents went to the nearest town and brought me back some water.

"People would come upon me on the road and offer me water or pop. Oftentimes, they would go to the next town and bring me back a hamburger."

He even received free delivery: "One time, a Frito-Lay truck driver threw a bag of chips out the window to me as he passed by."

At first, that was all his diet consisted of: junk food.

"My diet was horrible. I was constantly eating candy bars simply because they were quick and easy."

He never resorted to roadkill, however.

"There were a lot of dead tarantulas and rattlesnakes on the road. Well, I didn't check to see if they were still alive."

As far as accidents go, he was never the cause of one but very easily could have been.

"Near the end of one day, I had stopped at a house on a county road in East Colorado and asked the guy how far until the next town. He said about 32 miles. I don't know what got into me but I struck out for the next town.

"I walked straight through the night until 1 p.m. the next day. It was a full moon so I could read my map pretty easily. I could hear coyotes and crickets.

Frequently exhausted throughout the night walk, Pearson would have to take about a 10-15 minute nap every mile.

"Seeing how there weren't any shoulders between the road and the ditch, I laid down on the white line and went to sleep. Luckily, no cars came by."

Small-town America

Most of the churches he attended were in one-horse towns with small congregations. In fact at a church in Pine Island, MN, he served communion.

"I often stayed in people's houses, or in churches, or at last resort, in my tent. In fact, most of the people I stayed with were old."

Shortly after leaving home, Pearson stopped at Dexter, MN, and asked this pastor if he could sleep in his church, but he refused for fear of vandalism.

"Overhearing our conversation, this old lady offered to share her house with me, and I accepted...We ended up playing cribbage all night: She won."

He seldomly stayed with rich people. He remembered one place in Española, NM, that gave him a new definition to the word "poverty."

"I stopped at a house made of volcanic rock and asked if I could spend the night. He offered me his floor, and I graciously laid my sleeping bag down."

He grew his own food which Pearson could see from where he was sleeping for the house wasn't completely enclosed.

"I'd leave everyday shortly after dawn, especially when it began getting dark earlier in the evening. But when the days were long, I wouldn't leave for the day's journey until about 9 or 10 a.m."

On those long days, the temperature was quite high. Ironically, the hottest day he endured was on the Fourth of July in southern Iowa: It was 106°F.

The temperature along with carrying a 50-pound backpack made his shoulders tighten up. It also made Pearson perspire.

He did come close to heat stroke or at least felt the symptoms of it.

"I was shaking, and my feet got cold. If I had run out of water, it would have been a different story."

For the most part of his trip, the weather cooperated.

"Out of a half a year of walking, it only four days rained—even the Midwest was dry."

Pearson wore only one pair of shoes throughout the whole journey. He used his Phillies hat to combat the sun's rays along with suntan lotion.

"I was really dark at the end of the trip, but now I have lost my tan and am once again pale and sickly looking."

Pearson had an "uncanny knack" to come into a town where church potlucks were in progress. So naturally, he grabbed a plate.

Hitchhiking tips

"The key to hitchhiking is to look clean, and then they'll cook ya supper."

Pearson has offered some more advice for those that want to hitchhike professionally: "Go for the Beaver Cleaver look and shave often. Make it look like they can trust ya. I know that if I had looked like a hippy as I had intended, I would have never stayed anywhere."

Pearson did take in some of the sights like the Great Sand Dunes, Alamosa, CO, and the Royal Gorge in Cañon City, CO.

When he did reach the ocean, (Thanksgiving Day of 1991), he continued in the symbolic tradition—this time dipping in his left foot. When the trip was over, he had walked 1,911 miles, excluding the bus trip between Pheonix and San Bernardino.

"You can't walk on the interstate so I had to take the bus."

As a result of the walk, Pearson has gained a better appreciation of nature and of people.

"I would be a rich man now if I had picked up every beer can I saw in the ditches...It's a shame to have such a beautiful country littered."

There is hope. All throughout his journey, he saw the signs denoting the "Adopt-a-Highway" program.

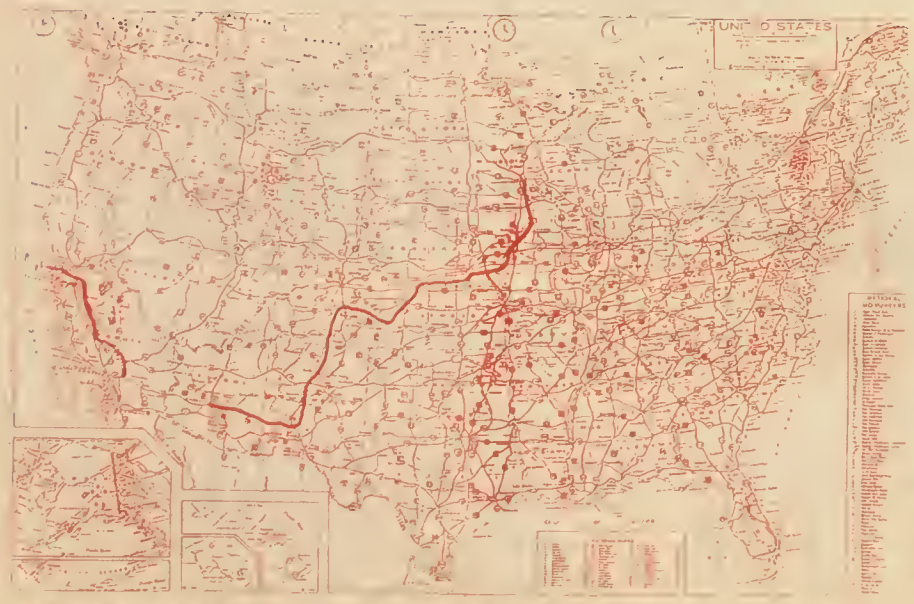
"Since people were helping me all the time, I now have a responsibility to help others."

Pearson might write a book about his trip, but it is still too fresh in his mind to get the full effect in words.

"I didn't take the trip to write a book. I did however keep a journal."

What's next for Pearson: Med School.

WHICH WAY WOULD BE BEST—Pearson asks the Kaldenberg family of Winterset of the best route to his next destination. Photo by Renee Randau.



PEARSON'S JOURNEY— The cross-country trek took Pearson 1,911 miles and through eight states. The map above tracks his travels.

JIM AND HIS SIDEKICK—These two provided Pearson with company.